OFFICE OF THE MAYOR City of Eugene Oregon

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Peace Corp has become an enduring symbol of our nation's commitment to encourage progress, create opportunity, and expand development at the grass-roots level in the developing world; and

WHEREAS, More than 182,000 Americans have served as Peace Corps Volunteers in 138 countries since President John F. Kennedy signed the executive order on March 1, 1961 that formed the Peace Corps; and

WHEREAS, Over the past 45 years many men and women from Eugene have responded to our nation's call to serve by joining the Peace Corps; and

WHEREAS, Peace Corps volunteers, enriched by their experiences overseas, have brought their communities throughout the United States a deeper understanding of other cultures and traditions, thereby bringing a domestic dividend to our nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kitty Piercy, Mayor of the City of Eugene, to celebrate the 45th Anniversary of the United States Peace Corps, do hereby proclaim February 27 through March 5 2006 to be

"Peace Corps Week"

and encourage all citizens of this community to join me in celebrating the Peace Corps 45th Anniversary and tradition of service. And in recognition of the achievements of the Peace Corps, and to honor its volunteers, past and present, to reaffirm our country's commitment to helping people help themselves throughout the world.

Kity Piercy, Mayor

Dated this 10th day of February, 2006